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SUBJ: NE WIN VISIT TO NEPAL

1. THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE VISIT OF BURMESE PRESIDENT NE WIN TO NEPAL APRIL 6-8 REFLECTS THE ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL CHARACTER OF THE VISIT RELATIONS. ESPECIALLY IN TRADE. THE BURMESE FELL SHORT OF ENDORSING THE KING'S PROPOSAL THAT NEPAL BE DECLARED A ZONE OF PEACE, ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT BURMA "EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION" FOR THE PLAN. BOTH SIDES NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EXPRESSED "CONCERN AT THE WIDENING ECONOMIC DISPARITY BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". THE KING OF NEPAL ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT BURMA AT A TIME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT.

2. IN ADDITION TO CALLS ON THE KING, NE WIN MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, AS WELL AS THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE. ACCORDING TO JOURNALIST WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED, THE VISIT WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL TIES. ALTHOUGH THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CULTURAL AFFINITY BETWEEN NEPAL AND BURMA,
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ARISING FROM RELIGION AND THE SERVICE OF MANY NEPALI EX-GURKHAS IN BURMA DURING AND AFTER W.W. II, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT BEEN TERRIBLY SUBSTANTIAL. TRADE CONNECTIONS ARE MINIMAL, HAPPERED BY NEPAL'S NEED TO IMPORT THROUGH INDIA. THE NEPALESE VIEW THE VISIT AS A SUCCESS IN THAT IT UNDERLINED NEPAL'S DESIRE, ALTHOUGH AS FAR AS WE CAN DTERMINE THERE WERE

NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS MADE BY EITHER SIDE.

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